the Petroleum India International has provided services during the last three years;

(b) what is the nature of services so provided; and

(c) what was the total earnings made by Petroleum India International because of providing such services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) During the last 3 years Petroleum India International has provided operational assistance, technical back-up, consultancy and specialised services for plant operations, maintenance and modifications work services have been provided to the following companies abroad:

1. Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation—Nigeria.

2. Empresa Nacional Petroleos De Mocambique—Mozambique.

3. MTBE Malaysia SDN. BHD.—Malaysia.

4. Kuwait National Petroleum Company—Kuwait.

The company has earned about Rs. 22.59 crores in Foreign Exchange on this account during the last 3 years.

Report of Marketing of LPG

2960. SHRI GOVINDRAO RAMRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of updating the comprehensive report on marketing of LPG so as to be coterminus with the Eighth Plan Period has been completed;

(b) if so, what are the improvements which have been made over and above the phase V 1990-95 report;

(c) whether the target envisaged in the report will be fulfilled; and

(d) if so, how?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) A revised Report on marketing of LPG covering the period 1992-97 has been prepared. The key areas of improvement include augmentation of LPG tankage capacity at new bottling plants, higher demand satisfaction and better infrastructural facilities.

(c) and (d) Depending on the completion planned LPG recovery projects and materialisation of planned imports, efforts are on to fulfil the targets.

Equity Base on ONGC

2961. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC equity base is estimated at Rs. 343 crores, the details;

(b) whether ONGC's assets have exceeded Rs. 10000 crores, how this is calculated;

(c) whether attempts are being made to expand equity base, if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether it is proposed or decided to disinvest 20 per cent shares of ONGC, if so, what are the modalities of disinvestment; and

(e) whether reserve price for shares are going to be fixed up on the basis of book value of assets or prevailing market price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The assets include Block Capital, Working Capital, Investments etc.

(c) and (d) After conversion of ONGC into a Public Limited Company, 20% of the expanded equity base is proposed to be offered to the public.

(e) No decision on pricing of shares in the new company has been taken.

Setting up Railway Divisions in Ahmedabad

2962. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have earlier decided in principle for setting up Nine Railway Divisions including Ahmedabad;

(b) whether it is also a fact that out of this, all the Divisions have been set up but the Ahmedabad Railway Division is not yet set up;

(c) if financial constraints do not come in the way in setting up Railway Divisions in other

States/Places, why the constraints come in regard to setting up Division at Ahmedabad; and

(d) in view of the pressing demand from Gujarat, whether the Railways propose to set up Ahmedabad Division in the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) The Railway Reforms Committee (RRC), in its report on 'Railway regrouping' (July, 1984), recommended the creation of ten new divisions including one with headquarters at Ahmedabad. Out of these, the Government took up for implementation only five new divisions with headquarters at Ambala, Bhopal, Malda, Nanded and Sambalpur. It has not been feasible to take up for consideration the other recommendations of the RRC regarding creation of new Divisions with headquarters at Ahmedabad, Chittorgarh, Ghaziabad, Singrauli and Usalapur on account of severe financial stringencies.

(d) Prevailing resource constraints preclude the possibility of going in for any new Division for the present.

Railway Divisions in Gujarat

2963. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the factors that are taken into account when considering proposals for opening of a new Railway Division;

(b) whether Ahmedabad qualifies for opening of a new Railway Division as per these requirements; and

(c) whether Government propose to accept in principle, the request of Government of Gujarat for opening a new Railway Division at Ahmedabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) New Railway Divisions are set-up taking into consideration the size, workload, growth and pattern of traffic and other operational requirements of the Railways consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency. Based on these considerations, the Railway Reforms Committee recommended the creation of ten new divisions including one with headquarters at Ahmedabad. It has not been feasible to create new Divisions with headquarters at Ahmedabad, Chittorgarh, Ghaziabad, Singrauli and Usalapur on account of severe financial stringencies.

रेलवे स्टेशन पर प्राइवेट कैंटीन का चलाया जाना

2964. **श्री राम रतन राम** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कितने रेलवे स्टेशनों पर प्राइवेट ठेका के आधार पर कैंटीन चलायी जा रही है; और

(ख) इसमें कितने स्टेशन पर अनुसूचित जाति के व्यक्तियों को कैंटीन चलाने के लिये ठेके दिये गये हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के॰ सी॰ लेंका) : (क) और (ख) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

रेलवे के वर्तमान प्रशासनिक ढांचे में सुधार लाया जाना

2965. **श्रीराम जेठमलानी** :
डा॰ जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार द्वारा रेलवे के प्रशासनिक ढांचे में परिवर्तन कर इसमें सुधार लाने की आवश्यकता अनुभव की जा रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या प्रशासनिक ढांचे में सुधार हेतु सुझाव देने के लिये सरकार ने एक विशेषज्ञ समिति भी गठित की है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या समिति को कार्य करने हेतु सभी आवश्यक सामग्री उपलब्ध करा दी गयी है और क्या समिति ने अपना कार्य प्रारंभ कर दिया है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या हैं;

(ङ) क्या सरकार रेलवे में सुधार हेतु आम जनता से भी सुझाव आमंत्रित करेगी; और

(च) यदि हां, तो सुझाव प्राप्त करने के लिये क्या विशेष व्यवस्था की गयी है और इस विशेष व्यवस्था की आम यात्री को जानकारी देने के लिये क्या व्यवस्था है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के॰ सी॰ लेंका) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां।

(ग) जी, हां। समिति ने 12 जुलाई, 1993 से अपना कार्य शुरू कर दिया है।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ङ) रेल उपयोगकर्ताओं के सुझावों पर समिति द्वारा विचार किया जाना चाहिए।

(च) रेल उपयोगकर्ताओं से सुझाव प्राप्त करने के लिए समिति यथा आवश्यक व्यवस्था करेगी।